Rail projects in Andhra Pradesh

2120. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the details of railway projects in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh completed during the last three years, State-wise and project-wise;

(b) the details of funds spent on their progress during this period;

(c) the details of new railway projects related to the State of Andhra Pradesh to be taken up during the year 2007-08; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Gauge conversion and electrification of Phulera-Ringus-Rewari section through SPV

†2121. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gauge conversion of Phulera-Ringus-Rewari route is being done through Special Purpose Vehicle;

(b) the progress made in this regard and by when this work would be completed; and

(c) whether electrification of this route would also be considered alongwith gauge conversion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various activities like earthwork, bridgeworks, trackwork etc. taken up. Rewari-Ringus-Phulera is targeted for completion by 31.03.2008.

(c) No, Sir.

Setting up railway station at Parvathipuram

2122. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a railway station at Parvathipuram in Kanyakumari; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b The proposal regarding opening of a halt station at Parvathipuram has been examined and not found operationally feasible and commercially justified.

Strengthening the rail system in ECoR

2123. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that ECoR is on the up-swing both in freight and passenger traffic in the last fiscal year;

(b) if so, the details of their earnings of both passenger and freight traffic during the above period; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to modernize and strengthen the rail system of this region to meet with the additional traffic needs as a result of fast industrialization of this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The passenger and freight earnings of East Coast Railway for the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Earning	2005-06	2006-07
Passenger	333.08	398.37
Freight	3564.34	3967.77

(c) The action plan of Government to modernize and strengthen the rail system in Orissa portion is given below:

A. Sanctioned works

Sl. No.	Description of works	No. of works	KMS
1.	New Lines	8	1173
2.	Doublings	13	516
3.	Gauge conversion	1	50

B. Traffic facility works sanctioned at 56 stations in Orissa.

C. World Class Stations - Bhubaneswar identified.

D. Model Stations - 8 declared.